

Introducing Greg Howard

New OTEC Director Brings Years of Business Experience

By Michael Howe

Greg Howard of La Grande is the newest member of OTEC Board of Directors. He was appointed to fill the position vacated by the unfortunate passing of one of OTEC's founding board members, Stanley Weishaar.

Knowing he has big shoes to fill, Greg graciously and humbly accepted the appointment and began serving the on February 1.

A lifelong resident and homegrown product of Eastern Oregon, Greg is excited to serve the members of OTEC.

"I grew up in Summerville, graduated high school from Imbler, and then went on to complete my college degree at Eastern Oregon University," Greg says. "I understand and appreciate the importance of this board position and what it means to the region."

His background is one that suits OTEC's members well. Greg has been employed by Boise Cascade for more than 20 years, but also looks fondly at his experience of working on a farm.



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"Growing up, and as I pursued my education, I worked on a farm here in Eastern Oregon," Greg explains. "What that experience taught me was a great work ethic and strong values that those of us in Eastern Oregon pride ourselves in."

It is his business background and experiences at Boise Cascade that really made him the right fit to fill the ever-important OTEC board seat.

Greg has been an integral part of the Boise Cascade leadership team. From

his first position there as an accountant, where he did numerous cost studies and project analysis, to his position as regional accounting controller and now as the operations production manager for the Elgin Complex, Greg understands business and many of the issues that also affect OTEC.

"I've completed innumerable analyses for strategic, capital and product development purposes," he says. "In my current role as production manager at the Elgin Complex, I'm responsible for safety and environmental compliance, strategic and capital planning, executing on capital plans, cost management, budgeting and the continuous improvement of our operations."

From Greg's perspective, the timing is right for him to be a part of the OTEC board. His children are in college, and his business experience will prove to be a major asset to OTEC as it moves forward.

"I feel privileged to be a part of OTEC's board and look forward to working with the board and membership," Greg says. "I like to look at myself as being a positive person, and I am excited to play a role in helping OTEC continue to be a success as it navigates through future challenges." ■



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